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Second meeting
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Provisional agenda and annotations

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Annotations

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened by the Co-Chairs of the expert group.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The expert group may wish to consider and adopt its agenda and programme of work.

3. Tasks of the expert group

In carrying out its tasks, the expert group will be guided by Economic and Social Council resolution 2015/33, in which the Council established a working group, and an open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc expert group. In accordance with paragraph 48 of the resolution, subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources, the expert group will conduct up to two meetings in 2016, to develop and submit proposals to the working group on the matters referred to in paragraph 44 of the resolution, namely: (a) the replacement of the reference to the Millennium Development Goals in paragraph 1(b) of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests with an appropriate reference to the Sustainable Development Goals and targets; and (b) the strategic plan for the period 2017-2030 and the quadrennial

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programme of work for the period 2017-2020, consistent with section XI of the resolution. The first meeting of the expert group was held from 25 to 27 April 2016 in New York. In developing proposals for the strategic plan and the quadrennial programme of work, the expert group, at its second meeting, will take into account the report of the first meeting of the expert group, and the proposal by the Co-Chairs. In its consideration of the Co-Chairs' proposal, the expert group shall also take into account paragraphs 13 (b), 37, 38, 39 and 40 of the resolution, and the outcomes of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda and the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations (E/CN.18/AHEG/2016/4)

Proposal of the Co-Chairs of the expert group on the strategic plan for the period 2017-2030, and the quadrennial programme of work for the period 2017-2020

Report of the first meeting of the Open-ended intergovernmental ad hoc expert group established pursuant to paragraph 48 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2015/33 (E/CN.18/2016/AHEG/3)

References

Resolution 2015/33 of the Economic and Social Council, entitled "International arrangement on forests beyond 2015" (E/RES/2015/33)

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its eleventh session (E/2015/42)

Annex to resolution 69/313 of the General Assembly, entitled "Addis Ababa Action Agenda of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development" (A/RES/69/313)

Resolution 70/1 of the General Assembly, entitled "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" (A/RES/70/1)

Report of the Secretary-General on critical milestones towards coherent, efficient and inclusive follow-up and review at the global level (A/70/684)

4. Other matters

The expert group may wish to discuss and make recommendations on other matters relating to its work.

5. Adoption of the report of the expert group on its second meeting

The expert group may wish to adopt its report, which should contain a consolidated proposal by the Co-Chairs on matters referred to in paragraph 44 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2015/33. The report shall be available for the consideration of the Forum's working group, scheduled to be held in January 2017 in New York.